

Bellsouth's petition to eliminate access from CLECs to their network will be a devastating blow to the stability of the telecommunications economy. The truth of the matter is that thousands will lose jobs if this occurs. Many opportunities will be shut down for entry level positions in smaller corporations that can facilitate students or interns better than a large corporation such as Bellsouth.

Bellsouth claims that cable and satellite broadband connections provide ample competition to their services. However, this is not true due to the fact that many of those who use cable or satellite broadband are residential users. Many competitors of Bellsouth appeal to businesses for the majority of the revenue that is earned, thus the business market that is serviced by CLECs will be taken by Bellsouth and thus be nearly monopolized by them as cable is not a viable solution to businesses. Bellsouth's true intentions are to gain a legal monopoly on communications, causing a stranglehold on many small businesses.

I am against them for the above reasons, and as a citizen I am very concerned about these petitions that can form monopolies, as the world today is driven by communication technologies. As stated before this would strangle the entire system.

Thank you for your attention,
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